

REMARKS

Claims 16-25 are presented for examination. Claims 16-18, 20, 22 and 24 have been amended to define still more clearly what Applicants regard as their invention. Claims 16-18, 20, 22, and 24 are in independent form. It is believed that those claims and the dependent claims depending therefrom are patentable over the art relied on by the Examiner in the June 30, 2003 Office Action, because that art is not seen to teach or suggest the methods recited in those claims.

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request a favorable action on the merits and early passage to issue of the present application.

Otherwise, Applicants respectfully request that a personal interview with the Examiner be conducted. If the Examiner takes this case up for action prior to being contacted by Applicants' attorneys, he is respectfully requested to contact Applicants' undersigned attorney at the telephone number given below.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our New York office by telephone at (212) 218-2100. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below listed address.

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